**Transitional Words and Their Use**

Transitional words and phrases are clues in an essay that tell you exactly what is coming ahead.  For example, if you see “in conclusion,” you can rest assured the conclusion to the essay has arrived.  Below are a list of transitional words and where you should use them.

**To Add:** Also, and, and then, too, plus, in addition, furthermore, moreover, again, on top of that, another, first, second, third.

**To Put In Time Order:**  Now, then, before, after, afterwards, earlier, later, immediately, soon, next, in a few days, meanwhile, gradually, suddenly, finally, previously.

**To Put In Space Order:**  Near, near to, far, far from, in front of, beside, in the rear of, beyond, above, below, to the right, to the left, around, surrounding, on one side, inside, outside, alongside.

**To Compare:** In the same way, similarly, just like, just as, likewise.

**To Contrast:** But, still, however, on the other hand, on the contrary, yet, nevertheless, despite, in spite of, even though, in contrast.

**To Show Cause and Effect:** Because, since, so, consequently, as a result, therefore, then, accordingly, hence, thus.

**To Show Purpose:** For this reason, for this purpose, so that this may happen.

**To Emphasize:** Indeed, in fact, surely, necessarily, certainly, without any doubt, in any event, truly, again, to repeat.

**To Give Examples:** For example, for instance, as an illustration, specifically, to be specific, as proof, to illustrate, to show, namely.

**To Summarize:** In summary, in conclusion, as I have shown, as has been stated, in other words, in brief, to sum up, hence, finally.

**To Concede:** Of course, to be sure, certainly, granted.